

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Kasson Mantorville  
Telephone Company's** Request for Approval  
of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the  
**Nicollet County** 911 Emergency Telephone  
Services System

ISSUE DATE: March 27, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P539/ES-01-394**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911  
SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

On April 7, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Nicollet County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On August 3, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications, Inc. (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Nicollet County.

On December 12, 1995, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications, Inc. incurred for placing Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Local Location Identification (LLI) in the Nicollet County 911 Emergency System.

On May 1, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company incurred for placing a portion of ANI in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Nicollet County.

On August 29, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company for placing interexchange circuits from the LaFayette, Nicollet, and St. Peter Exchanges to the St. Peter Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

**CURRENT FILING**

Nicollet County has accepted plans to add router based ANI, Automatic Location Identification

(ALI) and Selective Routing (SR) for their 911 Emergency Services system. Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company (the Company) is now providing circuits for the appropriate routing of wireless 911 calls.

On August 16, 2000, the Company installed two, one party, Business (B1) lines to selective routers for routing of wireless 911 calls to Exchanges in Nicollet County.

On February 28, 2000, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for installing the B1 lines in Nicollet County.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual system costs of the B1 lines installed to route wireless calls in the 911 Emergency Services system in Nicollet County. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Nicollet County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Nicollet County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

### **Policy References:**

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

**ORDER**

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Nicollet County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P539/ES-01-394.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, \_\_\_\_\_

a notary public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Notary Public